

5-CENT FARES FOR ALL LINES

Utilities Commission Grants
Universal Increase; Tick-
et Plan Abolished.

"Six tickets for a quarter" on the street railways of this city is a thing of the past. The Public Utilities Commission yesterday issued orders to the effect that hereafter a uniform rate of 5 cents per trip shall be charged all passengers.

The new rate goes into effect immediately. The present system of transfers will continue in effect for the present. All tickets which have been issued by the companies, and which are now in the hands of the public, are valid until December 1, 1918, or they may be redeemed at their face value.

Order is Universal.

The orders as issued by the commission yesterday make the new rate of fare conditional upon the granting of "inter-company" transfers at such points as the commission may determine. These points will be decided upon at an early date. The Commissioners have appointed November 7 as the date upon which the question will be first considered. On this day the section around the Navy Yard will be gone over and the transfer points in that section determined upon. The reason for bringing up this section first is that in the view of the Commissioners it is the most important, and therefore deserves immediate action.

The petition of the Washington Railway Company and affiliated companies for an increase in rates was filed with the commission on September 14. That of the Capital Traction Company was filed on September 23. Both petitions were treated separately, but the hearings, held on October 7, were on both petitions.

A separate order was issued to the four other street railway companies of the District, stating that they also were to charge 5 cents straight, although no petition for such action had been filed with the commission. These companies operate only small sections of track in the District, but it was thought by the commission that in order that the rate might be uniform that they, too, should be allowed the increase. They are: The East Washington Heights Traction Railroad Company, which operates on Pennsylvania avenue southeast between Seventeenth street and the Washington-Virginia Railway Company, which operates very little track in the District; the Washington and Maryland Railway Company, which operates its Washington branch under contract with the Capital Traction Company, and the Washington and Old Dominion Railway, which operates a line over the Aqueduct Bridge.

To Improve Service.

The petitions of the companies declared that the increase in rate which was asked for was necessary to enable the companies to meet the increasing cost of materials, and in particular the recent increases in wages of their trainmen. These increases were made on the demand of the men that they were entitled to the rate of pay recommended by the National Labor Board in its recent rulings in the cases of the great railway companies of Chicago, Detroit, Cleveland and Buffalo. The petition of the Washington Railway and Electric Company stated that these increases alone would result in an increase in the company's operating expenses of about \$12,000.

The commission points out in its order that the crowded condition of the city, while it has increased the operating expenses of the roads, also has increased the source of revenue of the companies. It is further pointed out that the public has been forced to bear many hardships on account of crowded conditions, and therefore it is only just that the companies should "bear their share of the war's burdens, in improved service and such other benefits to the public as the commission may hereafter determine, just as every person and institution must bear its share."

In the testimony of the witnesses of both companies it was admitted that the service of the lines had not at all times been up to the standard. Provision is made by the commission for the rapid improvement of the service until it is brought up to the standard at which it should be maintained.

Transfer Question Discussed.

While many witnesses at the hearing pointed out that it would be impossible to grant free transfers at all points, representatives of the various citizens' associations insisted that transfers could be issued at certain points without materially lessening the revenues of the companies. They pointed out that this would relieve congestion at many points. The order of the commission affecting the question of transfers says, in part:

"The question of free 'universal transfers,' so-called, or more properly speaking, free 'inter-company transfers,' has been the subject of much discussion. The president of the Washington Railway and Electric Company, as well as the vice president of the Capital Traction Company, admitted that at certain points of intersection of their respective lines free transfers might be of great benefit to the public, although it would not tend to increase the revenues of the companies. It was the opinion of the witnesses, however, that no extensive system of inter-company transfers should be established without a careful and complete investigation by the experts of the companies and the commission."

Commissioner Brownlow, chairman of the Public Utilities Commission and president of the Board of Commissioners, yesterday stated that the increase was granted upon condition that inter-company transfers be given at such points in the Washington Railway and Electric Company and the Capital Traction Company's systems as may be determined hereafter by the commission.

BELGIANS FLEE GERMANS.

Civilians Seek Refuge in Holland, Fearing Enslavement.

The great German retreat in Belgium has brought chaotic conditions among the thousands of Belgians who fear that they will be led into slavery in Germany. A cable to the local office of the Commission for Relief in Belgium from Rotterdam yesterday, states that at least 6,000 Belgian refugees have reached Holland. The cable states that these refugees suffering from exposure and gripple are crowding Brussels, but that 32,000 civilians in Tournai refused to leave, although special trains were placed at their disposition by the Germans.

Postpone Association Meeting.

The Mid City Citizens' Association, scheduled to meet tomorrow evening, will postpone its meeting until further notice. It is granted by the Commissioners to hold public meetings. A. J. Driscoll, president of the association, announced last night.

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Don't Forget to Turn Your Clock Back—Time Changes Today

THERE WILL BE A SCARCITY OF VICTROLAS BEFORE CHRISTMAS

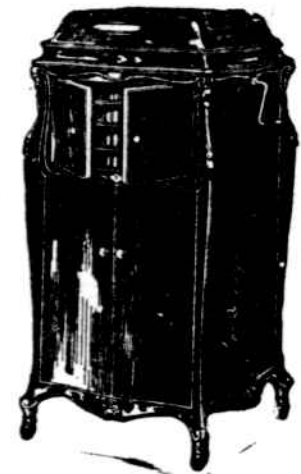
You Know Part of the Victor Plant Has Been Taken Over by the Government for War Work

—And this necessarily curtails their output of Victrolas. Join one of these four Clubs and be sure of having a Victrola for Christmas.

—You can arrange to pay for it on our

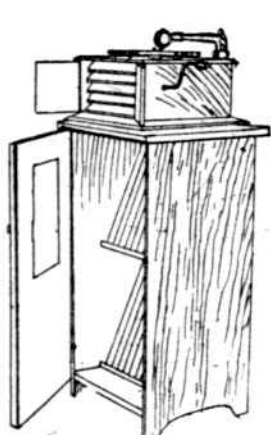
Easy Payment Club Terms

—Each club will have 75 members, who will receive the benefit of these special terms. If ever there was a time in the age of the world when soul-stirring, cheering music was a necessity, it is now. Don't let your home be musicless on Christmas. Don't wait—join a club NOW, and take advantage of our special terms and superior service. The time is limited.



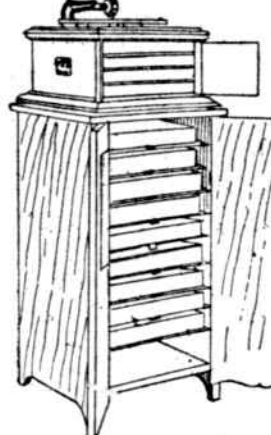
This Victrola XVII, \$275

—Is the latest word in Victrolas: made of solid mahogany, with swell sides, concealed hinges, gold-plated trimmings and 12-inch turntable. An instrument fit for the very finest homes, and must be seen to be appreciated.



This Outfit at \$30.00

—Fine Golden Oak Cabinet and Instrument. Stands 43 inches high and is 14 1/2 inches wide. Cabinet will hold 125 records. Outfit consists of:—1 Victrola VI-A, \$15.00, —1 Cabinet, \$9.75, —6 Records (12 selections), \$5.10, —1 Record Brush, 15c, —200 Needles and Needle Box.



This Outfit at \$57.50

—Quartered Oak Cabinet and Instrument. Stands 43 inches high and is 17 1/2 inches wide. A very popular combination. Outfit consists of:—1 Victrola VI-A, \$32.50, —1 Cabinet, \$14.75, —10 Record Folios, \$5.00, —6 Records (12 selections), \$5.10, —1 Record Brush, 15c, —200 Needles.



This Outfit at \$100.00

—Cabinet and Instrument in mahogany, fumed oak, weathered oak and golden oak. Outfit consists of:—1 Victrola IX-A, \$60.00, —1 Cabinet, \$22.00, —1 Ready File for 120 records, at \$7.50, —12 Records (24 selections), \$10.20, —1 Record Brush, 30c, —200 Needles.



High-Grade Serge Dresses—Simple, Yet Very Stunning

—Straight line models of fine serge, with deep border of braid embroidery, made with side panels and linen collar and cuffs. Another is of satin and serge, made with pleated skirt and satin fold, giving a somewhat Japanese effect, and embellished with self-colored embroidery.

—There are simple, girlish styles, in straight line models, finished with tan broadcloth collar and little black bow, which will be very appropriate for school girls.

—Others are in long tunic styles, finished at the bottom with two rows of braid, tight-fitting sleeves, round neck, all splendid models for the woman who considers herself stout.

—Plenty of the famous Drezwellsley and Co-Ed models will be found in the dresses at this price. Sizes in misses 14 to 20 years, and women's 36 to 46 bust. At.....

\$29.75

Kann's—Second Floor.

Lace Curtains, Bed Sets, and Draperies

—If your old ones are very badly worn, you will perhaps freshen the home with some new ones, something that is up to the very minute.

Here Are a Few That We Specialize On:

—Quaker Craft Lace Curtains, pair. \$1.97 to \$8.97
—Nottingham Curtains, pair.....67c to \$7.97
—Scrim, Voile and Marquise Curtains, pair.....97c to \$6.97
—Novelty Braided Curtains, pair.....\$2.47 to \$9.97
—Irish Point Curtains, pair.....\$3.97 to \$24.97
—Point de Gene Curtains, pair.....\$6.97 to \$14.97
—Lacet Arabian Curtains, pair.....\$5.97 to \$29.97
—"Fanny Frill" Curtains, pair.....\$1.97 to \$3.97
—Marie Antoinette Curtains, pair.....\$3.97 to \$19.97
—Antique Lace Curtains, pair.....\$3.97 to \$24.97
—Panel Curtains, each.....\$1.47 to \$12.97
—Bed Sets, at.....\$2.47 to \$24.97

Kann's—Third Floor.



Corduroy Bath Robes

—Wide Wale Corduroy Robes, have set-in sleeves, straight back, pockets, large round shawl collar, which is scalloped, with belt to match; lined throughout with China silk. Colors are Copenhagen, wistaria, American beauty and coral. Priced at.....

\$13.50

—Another style is made with gathered back, kimono sleeves, turn-back collar, fancy pockets. Colors are wistaria, Copenhagen, American beauty and coral. Priced at.....

\$7.50

—Corduroy Robes, made of wide wale corduroy, round shawl collar, kimono sleeves, pockets, and is lined with China silk; finished with silk tassel. Priced at.....

\$11.00

—Better quality at.....

\$15.00

Kann's—Second Floor.

Ribbons

For Many Uses
For Christmas
Fancy Work,
Etc.



—A SPECIAL VALUE IN RIBBONS, 5/8 to 8 inches wide, in fancy floral effects and light and dark colorings. These are suitable for children's hair ribbons, for fancy work and other uses. A yard,.....

59c

—5-INCH HAIR RIBBONS, handsome brocaded effects, in new and attractive patterns, some satin, some taffeta effects. A yard,.....

48c

—RIBBONS FOR FANCY BAGS and other Christmas novelties; rich, heavy qualities, in wonderful color combinations, in widths from 6 to 10 inches, and priced, a yard, from.....

89c to \$4.50

—OTHER FANCY RIBBONS, better qualities, in gold and silver tinsel effects, priced, a yard, from.....

\$2.25 to \$10.50

Kann's—Street Floor.

Limited Quantity of Popular Salem Sheets

—Sheets made from a good quality of soft-finished sheeting, free from dressing and all perfect goods, in two sizes, but the quantity is limited.

72x90-inch size at.....

\$1.85

81x90-inch size at.....

\$1.95

—DOUBLE-BED CROCHET SPREADS, in two good raised designs, free from filling; all perfect. Monday,.....

\$3.25

Kann's—Street Floor.

Early Christmas Shopping Is a War-time Duty



The Government Has Asked That You Do Your Christmas Shopping Early and That You Confine Yourself to the Buying of Useful Gifts.

—Co-operating in this request all our departments come forward tomorrow with a host of useful tokens of friendship for both home folks and the boys in service. In addition we offer to the thrifty and patriotic these gift specials to encourage early Christmas shopping.

Embroidered Pillow Cases.

—Of the famous Fruit of the Loom cotton. These are made in envelope style, scalloped and embroidered flap, with place to embroider initial if desired. \$3.00 A pair.....

Stole Lengths of Plush.

—Two yards long and 16 inches wide, fine quality seal plush and beaver plush for making up the popular stoles. Tomorrow, a length.....

Luncheon Set.

—13 pieces in the set, 18-in. centerpiece, half a dozen 6-in. doilies, and half a dozen 12-in. doilies. A set.....

Imitation Ivory Toilet Set.

—Three-piece imitation ivory toilet set, has comb, brush and mirror. Set is neatly boxed. At.....

Chiffon Velvet Hand Bag.

—Large bag, made of an excellent quality chiffon velvet, silk lined, with inside frame; the bottom is finished with silk tassel; in all colors. These would be good value at \$5.00. Special Monday at.....

Bracelet Watches.

—Full line of Bracelet Watches for men's and women's use at the lowest prices for the qualities to be found in the city. We call special attention tomorrow to our 20-year, gold-filled case Bracelet Watch; octagon style; Elgin movement. Monday at.....

Seal Plush Stoles.

—Two yards long, good widths, lined with excellent quality surah silk, with crocheted ring or chain fastener. Special for Monday only at.....

Narrow Satin Ribbons.

—Fine heavy, yet soft quality satin ribbon for lingerie of other uses, in white, pink, blue, mauve, lavender, green and holly red; 10 yards in a piece.....

Handsome Quilted Robes.

—Made with lay-down collar, pockets, cord and tassels. These are lined with the same or contrasting colors, for instance, rose with rose, purple with purple and black with lavender. \$8.75 at.....

Bandeaux or Bust Supports.

—Made of pink cotton brocade, all sizes and exceptional value at.....

Crepe de Chine Envelope Chemise.

—Beautiful quality crepe, made in three different styles, hand embroidered, with filet lace top; shoulder straps of self material, or with lace yoke and shoulder straps, with shirring; another style has ribbon shoulder straps; flesh color.....

Girls' Raincoats and Caps.

—In navy blue and khaki color; the coat is made with a belt, and the cap is a tam-o-shanter style. Sizes up to 15 years. Neatly packed in holly box. Coat and cap both.....

Gift Umbrellas.

—Big assortment of men's and women's umbrellas, made of good quality rainproof American taffeta. The handles on the women's umbrellas are bakelite trimmed, or trimmed with sterling silver; majority have bakelite rings. Handles on the men's umbrellas are of natural wood with sterling silver trimmings. Choice.....

Wool Mixed Blankets.

—Beautiful soft, fleecy surface, in white, with pink and blue borders, with binding to match border. Size 70x82 inches. Monday.....

Walking Gloves.

—Women's one-clasp, pique sewn, prix seam American walking gloves, in a good line of colors; in black with white stitching, khaki shades, brown, oak, tan, putty, sand and white. A.....

Black Belgian Hare Scarfs.

—Made in the new cape effect, fastening with hook under the paw. Lined with black silk. Exceptional value at.....

Kayser Italian Silk Vests.

—In the favored plain tailored style, reinforced under arms, in pink only. —Regular size.....

Women's Handkerchiefs.

—Pure linen novelty colored handkerchiefs, an extra good value at the price. Also fine batiste handkerchiefs, with hemstitched and scalloped edges; some embroidered in all white, others in white with colors; and pure linen handkerchiefs, hand embroidered in one corner. Choice.....

Sofa Pillows.

—Covered with brocaded satin; splendid quality, in rose, black, gold and blue. Special at.....

Boudoir Slippers.

—New styles of corduroy velvet, with silk pompons, and cord bound. These are in six different colors, all sizes to select. \$1.19 from, at a pair.....

Electric Bread Toaster "The Universal Make"

—An ideal gift for any woman. Heavy nickel-plated; can be used on both sides. Complete with.....

Women's Radmoor Hose.

—Pure unadulterated silk hose, reinforced heels and toes, and deep garter tops, in 126 different colors; also white and black. A pair.....

Capacious Traveling Bags.

—Of extra good quality leather, 2 1/2-oz. cowhide, 18 or 20 in. length, in tan, with neat "boarded" graining. Most of them have double handles, lined with plaid linen. In some the leather is sewed to the frames. Regularly \$12.49. \$9.00 Special Monday.....

Babies' Japanese Quilts.

—24x36 in. size, of satin, in pink or blue; hand quilted; an exquisite dainty little gift for the "best" baby. This is a \$3.50 value. \$2.95 Special Monday.....

Girls' Imported Kimonos.

—Made of Japanese cotton crepe, embroidered in Japanese cherry blossoms; the colors are rose, pink, Copenhagen blue. In sizes from 6 to 18 years. \$2.95 Special at.....

Special Value in Blouses.

—Fine quality Georgette crepe, made in round-neck style in front, and with roll collar in the back, ornamented with hemstitching, embroidery and beading; also with little pearl buttons. These are in flesh and white only. A regular \$5.75 value. Monday.....

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